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U.S Patent No.	Issued	Inventor (s)	Title
5,980,400	11/09/1999	Schickert	COMPRESSION MOLDED BASKETBALL COMPONENTS WITH INMOLD GRAPHICS

In accordance with MPEP §2001.06(b) and (c), Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the fact that U.S. Patent No. 5,591,384, 5,637,329 and 6,190,586 were the subject of litigation Civil Action No. 3:01-cv-00431-TMR filed October 22, 2001, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division. The

litigation was settled prior to commencement of any discovery. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below should the Examiner desire any further information.

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